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These famous bell-founding firms have kindly consented to this adaptation of their advertisements to meet the pressure on our space, due to the compulsory reduction in the number of our pages this week.

MIDDLETON PARISH CHURCH

A FAMILIAR landmark on the road from Manchester to Rochdale is the Church of St. Leonard, Middleton, with its wooden belfry. In front of the church are the Jubilee gardens invariably bright with flowers amid well-trimmed lawns. Middleton Parish Church is in the midst of a big act of restoration. Some of the main oak timbers of this unique belfry found to have perished are being repaired; the roof of old brown stone is receiving attention, and the ring of eight bells is being overhauled. It is hoped that this work will be completed by the end of September.

The church, one of the oldest in the district, dates back to the 12th century, but it was largely rebuilt in 1412 by Thomas Langley, who was afterwards made a Cardinal, and a stone tower erected. The curious wooden erection which surmounts Langley's tower dates from 1709, when the old bells were hung a storey higher. These were removed by Sir Ralph Assheton, to make way for six bells cast by Rudhall of Gloucester in 1714. It is suggested that wood was used for the belfry because the sandy foundations of the tower would not bear additional weight or that its object was to give sweetness to the tone of the bells. Middleton people would not willingly exchange this belfry for a stone structure, and they are not ashamed of the sobriquet:—

A stubborn people
With a wooden steeple.

Until the beginning of the war it was the custom to ring a bell at ten minutes before ten every night as a signal to young people that it was time they returned to their homes. This ringing, which went on for ten minutes, was known as 'nowster', probably derived from the words 'now stir.' Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the successors of Rudhall, added two bells in 1891. On the ancient bells the inscriptions are typical of Rudhall's, those on the first three being:— 'Peace and good neighbourhood. AR 1714'; 'Prosperity to all our benefactors. AR 1714'; 'Abr. Rudhall cast us all. AR 1714.'

Of the peals scored at Middleton, a correspondent recalls one of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung on October 18th, 1934, in 2 hours and 47 minutes as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. K. Driver. Those participating were Thomas K. Driver 1, Albert J. Hughes 2, Water Staff 3, Harold Edwards 4, William Horan 5, Herbert Davenport 6, Richard Balderstone 7, and Edward Jenkins (conductor) 8. But in the distant days Middleton was a well known ringing centre. The hostelry near the church gives added evidence by its title, 'The Ring o' Bells.' The Middleton Band was mentioned in the J. A. Parnell MSS., as one of the 14 visiting bands attending the opening of the transposed ring of ten at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne on July 12th, 1819. Each of the visiting bands gave a performance, the Middleton ringers setting out for a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples. The record reads: they 'got out in 2 hrs. and 50 minutes on the 8 hind bells.' Perhaps, one of our North Country readers can give us the true definition of 'get out.' We assume that the peal was not scored.

OXFORD RINGERS' TOUR

WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., August 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

BETTY SPICE Treble	GILBERT HARDING 5
JOHN S. MASON 2	WILFRID F. MORETON 6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., August 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... Treble	GILBERT HARDING 7
*FRANCES A. EDGAR 2	FREDERICK TARGETT 8
MARGARET L. TUTT 3	*ROGER O. FRY 9
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 10
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 5	JOHN S. MASON 11
*WILFRID F. MORETON 6	BETTY SPICE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., August 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... Treble	HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 5
JOHN S. MASON 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
MARGARET L. TUTT 3	ROGER O. FRY 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., August 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 2,240 changes of London, 1,728 of Bristol, and 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 116 changes of method.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... Treble	*JOHN S. MASON 5
BETTY SPICE 2	WILFRID F. MORETON 6
MARGARET L. TUTT 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., August 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER Treble	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 5
*MARGARET L. TUTT 2	*WILFRID F. MORETON 6
*JOHN S. MASON 3	*JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
BETTY SPICE 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., August 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... Treble	*JAMES DRAYCOTT 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	*JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 8
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 9
FRANK E. PERVIN 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 10
FRANK W. PERRENS 5	LEONARD TREVOR 11
ARTHUR D. COOK 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Bob Maximus on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2	*ROY FAITHFULL 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 3	REGINALD BROWN 8
*E. JOAN SALMONS 4	REGINALD A. REED 9
MAURICE J. BUTLER 5	*ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Treble Ten. First peal on the bells since their restoration. A welcome to the King and Queen on their visit to Southampton Docks.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY ... Treble	GEORGE DAVIS 6
WALTER C. MEDLER 2	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 7
HERBERT C. READ 3	GEORGE BAILEY 8
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	FRANK V. GANT 9
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., July 31, 1948, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... Treble	LEONARD TREVOR 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	JOHN PINFOLD 7
ALBERT WALKER 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 8
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 9
FRANK E. PERVIN 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., August 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 6
ALAN ELSMORE 2	GEORGE W. HUGHES 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD 8
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 9
RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 5	P. GEORGE GOLDER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

To celebrate the birth of a son (Anthony) to Mr. and Mrs. H. Howell.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., August 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JAMES F. HARVEY ... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN 6
ALBERT WALKER 2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7
JOHN PINFOLD 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 8
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	LEONARD TREVOR 9
HENRY H. FEARN 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 15½ cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS ... Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	GEORGE AMBLER 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

A farewell compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. C. T. Powell, on his retirement.

WILLESSEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...Treble	*RONALD J. SHARP... .. 5
*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
* First peal in the method. A wedding compliment to Mr. Russell G. Spears, a member of the local band, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Hilda M. Chittleborough. Tenor 10 cwt.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...Treble	HARRY LISTER 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 6
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 3	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ...Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb in A flat.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Mon., August 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.
HENRY H. FEARN ...Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 6
LEONARD TREVOR ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ...Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., August 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD KENRICK ...Treble	THOMAS HESKETH ... 5
THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 2	*ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 6
*JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 3	EDWIN BIRKETT ... 7
*WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ...Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. To celebrate the 75th birthday of Mr. W. Santus, donor of the treble.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., August 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part, C.C.C. No. 6.	Tenor 16½ cwt
WILLIAM RANFORD ...Treble	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 5
FRED. C. LYNE ... 2	CLARENCE R. STEED ... 6
*REGINALD C. CHAPMAN... 3	CHARLES J. CAMM ... 7
VIVIAN B. HUNT 4	FRANK HILL ...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Hunt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., August 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES BENNETT ...Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 6
MAURICE HODGSON... .. 3	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

In memoriam James E. Bailey. Tenor 12½ cwt.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., August 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*PETER D. DUNN ...Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 5
JACK BAILEY 2	WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... 6
*JAMES MOULD... .. 3	*BENJAMIN BARKER ... 7
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 4	DENNIS R. CARLISLE ...Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., August 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*MISS D. TEMPLEMAN ...Treble	FRANK F. HILL 5
JACK BAILEY 2	*KEITH HUDSTON ... 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 3	DENNIS R. CARLISLE ... 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 4	WILLIAM A. PARSONS ...Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 17 cwt.

ADDINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., August 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

JOHN CHARNOCK ...Treble	*FRED BROWNLOW... .. 5
THOMAS BARKER 2	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 6
JOHN BOOTH 3	JAMES BLACKBURN ... 7
*JOSEPH HILL 4	*ALBERT GREENHALGH ...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN CHARNOCK.

* First peal in the method. For the marriage of Miss Mary Carol Guinness to Dr. Pieter Graham. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., August 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

T COLIN RYDER ...Treble	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK
G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 2	*PETER E. NORTH... .. 5
*LAURA MOTTISHAW ... 3	*ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7
WALTER ALLWOOD ... 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ...Tenor

Composed by REV. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by N. CHADDOCK.

* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

SUTTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ...Treble	FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 4
JOHN D. ROCK... .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 3	LESLIE EVANSTenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The first peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

ARTHUR DICKERSON ...Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
THOMAS SIMMONS ... 2	*GEORGE SAYER 5
ALBERT PEGG 3	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

* 150th peal.

WILDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 six-scores of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire.

*CHARLES C. PELL...Treble	C. HENRY HARDING ... 3
KENNETH G. SPAVINS ... 2	FRANK W. LACK 4
BRYAN F. SIMSTenor	

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Peet, grandparents of the conductor.

SAHAM TONEY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent of St. Clement's, one of combined Kent and Oxford of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS A. A. POTTER...Treble	GEORGE SAYER 4
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 2	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 5
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 3	NOLAN GOLDENTenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., August 2, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and 12 six-scores of Grandshire. Tenor 17½ cwt.

MRS. KATHLEEN JONES ... Treble	HARRY MINION ... 4
MISS RHODA HEMMINGS ... 2	SIDNEY H. JONES ... 5
JOHN B. STENNITT ... 3	WILLIAM MINOR ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

First peal in four methods by all the band.

QUEEN CHARLTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., August 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 15 different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK ... Treble	F. CECIL MOGFORD ... 3
A. GEORGE CLARE ... 2	LEONARD DERRICK ... 4

EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all except the conductor.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., August 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Single Court, two 720's each of Single Oxford, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

JOSEPH W. COTTON ... Treble	TOM J. MARRIOTT ... 4
*WILLIAM G. SOAR ... 2	SIDNEY H. JONES ... 5
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First in four methods.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., August 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, St. Clement's and two each of Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

RONALD STEWARD ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4
GEORGE W. PIPE ... 2	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5
*FREDERICK STEWARD ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

* First peal of Minor.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., August 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*BERNARD J. ONGLEY ... Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 4
*RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 2	DAVID SMITH ... 5
ERIC HORNBY ... 3	HARRY PARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. In honour of the wedding of Mr. R. T. Holding's daughter.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

MISS LUCY MOTTISHAW ... Treble	*J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 4
MISS LAURA MOTTISHAW ... 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 5
JAMES THORLEY ... 3	CHARLES THORLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.

* 25th peal for the Yorkshire Association. First peal in seven methods by all the band.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one extent Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM STANNARD ... Treble	CHARLES STANNARD ... 4
*DOUGLAS ROWLANDS ... 2	REGINALD SIMMONDS ... 5
†FRED COOPER ... 3	†JOHN BANKS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STANNARD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. Meek, who is leaving for West Monkton, Somerset.

KINETON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... Treble	HAROLD FOLWELL ... 4
*MARGARET D. REEVES ... 2	†W. BRIAN ELLENDER ... 5
ROBERT J. EDDEN ... 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

LILleshall, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MISS BESSIE CARTER ... Treble	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ... 4
MRS. E. D. POOLE ... 2	HARRY BOSWELL ... 5
E. DENNIS POOLE ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal of Kent Minor by all except conductor. Tenor 9 cwt.

CEFN COED, BRECKNOCKSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.	
MISS R. M. DAVIES ... Treble	ROBERT STEPHENS ... 4
DAVID H. BENNETT ... 2	JOHN ALSOP ... 5
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDSON ... 3	BRIAN D. PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN D. PRICE.

The first peal on the bells.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.	
*HAROLD AUSTIN ... Treble	THOMAS PRICE ... 4
HAROLD HOBBS ... 2	*THOMAS WITTS ... 5
GEORGE CASE ... 3	LESLIE BARRY ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 509 CHANGES;

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8

JOSEPH MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A birthday peal for the conductor. Tenor size 17 in A.

FOREST HILL, LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., August 3, 1948, in 2 Hours,

AT 83, HURSTBOURNE ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

RICHARD G. CROSLAND ... 1-2	ERIC A. DENCH ... 5-6
WILLIAM L. B. LEASE ... 3-4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7-8

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., August 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
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FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

First peal in two Minor methods by all the band.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 5 Hours and 25 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 9999 CHANGES;

THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8

PETER NIX ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

The longest peal rung for the Guild. Tenor size 17 in A.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

*The Official Journal of the Central
Council of Church Bell Ringers*

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Ltd., Guildford, Surrey.

Mr. Frank C. W. Knight's Kent tourists scored 19 peals during their week.

The peal of Minor in four methods at Repton was the first on the bells by the regular Sunday service band.

Mr. J. W. Cotton, secretary of the Midland Counties Guild, has completed the circle at Ticknall, Derbyshire.

With a peal of Stedman Doubles at Queen Charlton, Somerset, Messrs. F. C. Mogford and L. Derrick have completed the Stedman quartette.

Back in the peal columns again is Leicester's veteran, Joe Morris, who fittingly rang 9-10 in 'our Ernest's' birthday peal. This 'youngster' has just broken a spell of eight unsuccessful attempts for a peal!

From Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Bangor, comes a message of congratulation to the Devon Tourists on their successful week. 'The quality of the peals is, one would imagine, very gratifying to the tourists and organisers.'

Wedding bells at Hyde, Cheshire, were rung on August 7th for Mr. G. D. Lawton and Miss D. Wilde, member of the Ladies' Guild and daughter of Mr. Tom Wilde, vice-chairman and ringing master of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Regular attendant for service ringing and practices at St. John the Baptist's, Croydon, is 86-year-old Mr. G. Ades. He participated in a quarter on August 1st and is to be congratulated on the manner in which he rang his bell.

Congratulations to Mr. Peter Nix (17), who rang 9-10 in the handbell peal of 9,999 Stedman Caters at Leicester. This young ringer rang his first peal of Stedman only a fortnight previously and possesses a remarkable degree of rhythm, combined with fine style and ease.

Mr. T. H. Pook, a well-known member of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, is in the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital with a broken thigh. Sympathy and good wishes are extended to him and to Mr. F. Dymond, another Devon ringer, who recently met with a serious accident at Tunbridge Wells.

Members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild who visited towers in Hertfordshire and Middlesex from July 24th to 31st wish to tender sincere thanks to all incumbents and local ringers for their welcome and assistance. 'We are also indebted,' writes Mr. E. G. Orland, 'to Mr. A. Pat Cannon, if only for his definition of the difference between a "bob caller" and a conductor.'

Mr. Arthur Moore, whose diamond wedding was celebrated by a quarter-peal at Daventry on August 6th, has been a ringer for 65 years. He was tower captain at Daventry for 23 years and although he was 86 on July 31st, he rang in a short touch for evening service the week before. One of those who were instrumental in starting the Daventry branch of the Peterborough Guild, he still maintains a keen interest in the Guild's work.

Mr. Herbert Parker, a regular ringer at Tavnton, Oxford, was married to Miss Elsie Baldwin at Tavnton Parish Church on August 7th. In honour of the occasion a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung after the ceremony by A. W. J. Baldwin 1, F. Soden 2, A. J. Parker 3, B. S. Nichols 4, W. J. Dixon 5, T. W. Timms (conductor) 6. It was first quarter for ringers of 1 and 3, who are brothers of the bride and bridegroom.

Oxford Diocesan Guild

HOLY WEEK RINGING DISAPPROVED

'That this Guild, having in mind the ancient custom of the Church, and in order that offence may not be given to Christians, strongly disapproves of the ringing of church bells during Holy Week, except where it is the custom to ring half-muffled on Good Friday to commemorate the death of our Lord.'

This notice of motion, proposed by Capt. A. R. Poyntz and seconded by Mr. F. Sharpe, was carried by an overwhelming majority at the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Oxford on July 17th. Holy Week for the purpose of the motion was defined as from the Monday to the Saturday, both days inclusive.

All the branches were represented at the meeting, 135 members being present.

The Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) referred, in his report, to the steady, if not always spectacular, progress of most branches.

The treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) reported that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £533 3s. 8d., of which £459 16s. 4d. was in the Restoration Fund.

The secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert) said that 110 peals had been rung in 1947, an increase, with Mr. W. F. Judge and Mr. A. R. Pink well to the fore as conductors. He had noticed several first performances, a healthy sign.

On the proposal of Canon G. F. Coleridge, it was decided to circularise members to raise £98 15s. to recast the tenor bell at East Ilsley as a memorial to Mr. R. T. Hibbert, Guild secretary for nearly 30 years.

Grants of ten guineas to Woodstock and 40 guineas to Burnham for the restoration of bells were approved, and 205 new members were confirmed.

Officers elected were: Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg; Deputy Master, Cant. A. B. Poyntz; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Hibbert; librarian, Miss Marie R. Cross; committee, Messrs. C. J. Hibbert, G. Caudwell, W. Dixon, T. J. Fowler, R. White, H. Sear, J. W. Wilkins, G. Hollifield, W. F. Judge, A. R. Pink and B. S. Nichols, and Miss D. R. Fletcher; trustees, Canon G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. B. Girling and Mr. A. D. Cullum.

After much debate the members voted for an increased subscription to 2s. 6d. annually to enable the Guild to produce a report of pre-war dimensions.

THE SERVICE

The meeting was preceded by a service in the Cathedral, at which the preacher was Canon Harold Pickles. The appeal to members who were choristers to bring their cassocks and surplices for the service was really magnificent.

Mr. G. B. Allen, Bishop of Dorchester, not only attended the service, but presided at lunch at Christ Church Hall, attended by 186 members. He welcomed the Guild to Christ Church and mentioned that it was one of the days in the year that he looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation. Toasts included 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild,' to which the Master replied, and 'The Visitors,' proposed by Mr. G. Carter, of London.

Ringings took place at the following towers: Cathedral (12), New College (6), Maudslayi (10), Merton (8), St. Ebbe's (8), St. Giles' (8), Holywell (6), Carfax (6), St. Aldate's (6), St. Thomas' (6) and Iffley (6).

The thanks of the Guild go to Mr. W. F. Judge, Miss Cross and the Oxford ringers for the work they put in to ensure everyone had a ring.

ARKSEY, YORKS.—On July 30th. 720 Peal: Minor: Mrs. E. Wiley 1, Miss D. Smythe 2, R. Sanderson 3, J. Thorley 4, J. M. Thorley 5, C. Thorley (cond.) 6. First 720 by 1, 2 and 3.

LEAFIELD, OXFORD.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Wiggins (13) (1st quarter) 1, P. Baker (first 'inside') 2, L. Smith 3, A. Franklin 4, A. Lynes (cond.) 5, A. Wiltshire 6.

Letters to the Editor

HANDBELL TUNES

Dear Sir,—I shall be obliged if you will inform me if there are any publications for handbells of hymn tunes or songs, and, if so, could you let me have particulars and where they can be obtained.

I believe there was a publication of this description some years ago, but I do not know whether it is now in existence.—Yours faithfully,
R. DOUGLAS.

3, The Crescent, Thirsk, Yorks.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES AT WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL. 1798

Dear Sir,—'The Hampshire Chronicle' in its issue of June 12th, under the heading of 150 years ago, records the anniversary of His Majesty's birthday on June 4th, 1798, at Winchester, stating: 'In the afternoon the ringers of the Cathedral began the full peal of 5,040 changes, Grandsire Triples, which they completed in 3 hours and 12 minutes.'

In company with the Guild auditor, Mr. G. Smith, I called at the office of 'The Hampshire Chronicle' on July 27th and we were most cordially received. We asked to see the original copy of the issue of June 9th, 1798, but to our disappointment found no names whatever or details as to the composition.

This was most unfortunate as the first true peal was supposed to be rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths on June 13th, 1885, conducted by the late F. E. Dawe, when John Murray Hayes rang the tenor (see 'Bell News', June 20th, 1885, page 92).—Yours sincerely,

Eastleigh, Hants. **GEORGE WILLIAMS.**
[Note.—There are many previous peals of Grandsire Triples recorded, the earliest being at Norwich on August 26th, 1718.—Editor.]

CORRECTION

The Editor regrets that an illustration of Wells Cathedral appeared in our last issue as purporting to represent Canterbury Cathedral.

Most of our readers noticed the error, which is deeply deplored by the Editor and those associated with him. He thanks the many friends who have written to him commiserating with him in a most regrettable mistake.

BELLS AND THE LAY EAR

Dear Sir,—I am afraid I did not express myself quite clearly, as both your correspondents, Messrs. Martin and Rayfield, have misunderstood me.

Of course, I was aware that only ten bells are recorded as the B.B.C. interval signal, and I intended to imply that the question master was also wrong—that was part of my point.

I also wrote to the B.B.C. pointing out the error! In my letter I mentioned another question which came up in a later session. It was, 'Where would you go to go to hunt the tenor?' First answer, 'In the choir.' Second answer, 'Down a coal mine.' My comment was that I had never heard of the term 'hunt the tenor,' although it was announced as a technical term used in bellringing. I know of a term 'to be in the hunt' (though the tenor would surely not do this) and 'to course the tenor.'

But possibly I have not yet learnt enough of change ringing to have met the term. Perhaps someone could kindly enlighten me? Is there such a thing as 'hunting the tenor'?

To return to my original point, surely it cannot be a common failing to be unable to distinguish between four, six, eight and ten bells ringing rounds? Or is the sound of bells ringing changes just a vague noise to many people as is an orchestra playing a Beethoven symphony?—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN PEARSON,
Vicarage Cottage, Warminster, Wilts.

Ringling Week at Trowbridge

An enterprise, conceived in convivial surroundings in Oxford this spring, came to fruition during the first week in August, when under the leadership of Mr. Walter Judge a party of Oxford ringers and friends met for a week's ringing holiday centred at Trowbridge.

The 'residents' at the Roundstone Hotel, Trowbridge, were the Misses Tutt and Spice and Messrs. Judge, Alexander, Mason, Moreton and Wilkins, with the addition of Miss F. A. Edgar for the week-end. They were joined by Messrs. Andrews and Dyke for most of the week, and by Messrs. Harding, Fry and Targett for various peal attempts. The success of the week was due largely to the arrangements made locally by Mr. C. F. Andrews, and to the welcome extended generally by the ringers, tower captains and clergy.

Transport throughout the week was by car and bus. The towers visited for peal attempts and other ringing were as follows: Chippenham (St. Andrew's and Holy Trinity), Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church and Holy Trinity), Westbury, Melksham, Steeple Ashton, Frome, Mells, Twerton-on-Avon, Devizes, Bishop's Canning and Calne. Altogether five peals were scored, details of which are given elsewhere: notable in these was perhaps the performance of Mr. Roger O. Fry, who rang his first 'touch' of Stedman Cinques in the peal at Trowbridge. Service ringing at Trowbridge on Sunday included the first course of Cambridge Maximus to be rung in Wiltshire.

Tennis, swimming and bowls all had their part in the week's activities, though these diversions were rather curtailed by unsettled weather. This, however, could not dampen the enthusiasm of certain members of the party for 'shove ha'penny' and kindred indoor occupations!

The only regret of this most enjoyable holiday was occasioned by the absence of Mr. H. P. Raynor, a prime mover in the inception and organisation of the week, who had just been called abroad on the death of a relative. To him, and to Mr. W. F. Judge, Mr. C. F. Andrews and all the hospitable ringers of Trowbridge and district, the party tenders its grateful thanks.

TIBSHELF BELLS

BROTHERS' OUTSTANDING SERVICE.

The reopening and rededication of Tibshelf bells on July 31st was also the occasion for presentation to two brothers—Messrs. H. and J. Draycott—who between them had over 110 years of continuous service to the church.

Representatives of the following towers of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association were present at the service: Alfreton, Blackwell, Clay Cross, Heath, Morton, South Normanton, Sutton-in-Ashfield, North Wingfield, Darley Dale and the local ringers.

The bells were dedicated by the Rev. T. E. Fowler, who in his address spoke of the difficulties of maintaining a band of ringers in a small village and commended the local captain, Mr. H. Draycott, for his services.

After the service the presentations, which took the form of gifts of money from the Church Council and fellow-members of the church, were made by Mr. C. Lowe.

Mr. H. Draycott has 60 years' continuous service as a ringer at Tibshelf to his credit. For a number of years he was also a member of the church choir.

Mr. J. Draycott also started ringing in 1888, but unfortunately work took him away from the village. On his return he took his usual place as a ringer and became a member of the choir. He also received a photograph of members of the choir.

The restoration of the bells was possible through a bequest of Mr. S. Ashmore, a member of an old Tibshelf family. Ringing during the day was varied and extended to Cambridge Surprise.

OUTINGS

A TRIP THROUGH SOMERSET.

Keynsham ringers, with their friends, recently held their outing with a motor-coach tour of Somerset. Choddar's fine-toned ring of eight was put at the disposal of the ringers, while the uninitiated visited the caves and gorge. Soon, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were re-echoing in the surrounding hills.

At Axbridge, the magnificent ring of six by Taylor's was put to good use. These bells, hung in a finely-proportioned central tower, must surely be among the finest in Somerset.

It had been hoped that the recently rehung six at St. Benedict's, Glastonbury, would be available, but this was not so, and after a pre-war style tea, the party moved off across the Polden Hills to Burnham-on-Sea, the last tower to be visited. Some difficulty was experienced in rising the bells, and this was found to be due to the fact that a platform around the clock-case, and which should have been removed, was interfering with the rope-circle.

The thanks of the party are due to Mr. L. Ellis for arranging a pleasant and memorable outing.

RODBOURNE CHENEY.

Rodbourne Cheney outing was held on Aug. 7th, the party being stiffened by ringers from other towers. Despite a late start, caused by the solicitor of the party, Yate was reached on time and some good ringing was had on this heavy six. Iron Acton bells needed careful handling, but everyone was at home at Thornbury, where rounds to Double Norwich were rung. The last call was Wickwar and some excellent ringing took place here. Thanks are extended to all who contributed to the success of the outing. W.B.K.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.

On July 31st, Blewbury ringers and friends from Aldershot, Hagbourne and Harwell visited Northleach, Charlton Kings, Presbury, Barnwood, Gloucester and Cirencester towers, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung. An enjoyable day was spent despite the heat wave.

GRUNDISBURGH AND DISTRICT.

The bus left the wilds of Suffolk at 2.45 a.m. on Saturday and picked up en route. At 4.15 all were aboard and Kettering was 93 miles ahead, where we were due for breakfast at 9.15. We were dead on time and enjoyed a hearty meal.

At Loughborough Bell Foundry we were met by Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. Colin Harrison, who conducted us on a most interesting tour of the foundry. Ringing was on the foundry bells and also the lovely ten at All Saints'. Mr. Jack Fidler was our guest at lunch.

Then to Leicester, where Mr. Ernie Morris was waiting to welcome us at St. Margaret's. Cambridge and lesser methods were rung. Then to the Cathedral, which 12 has to be heard to be believed; for their weight they are magnificent.

We were joined at tea by Ernest, Arthur Debenham and Shirley Burton. Ringing in the evening was at St. John the Divine, where we met Mr. and Mrs. H. Poole. Finally came the social attended by Sid Harrison's handbell ringers and so to bed.

In the morning we split up and rang at three different churches in Leicester for service and had a grand send-off by about 20 of our Leicester friends. Lunch was at Kettering, and at Thranston Mr. George Jeffs met us and conducted us to Tichmarsh to ring on a grand eight. Tea was at Cambridge. Here eight went to the Roman Catholic Church and others to the 12 and 8-bell towers, Ipswich was reached at 10.30 p.m. C.W.P.

OBITUARY

PREB. W. P. COLE SHEANE.

We regret to record the death on August 13th of Preb. William Pakenham Cole Sheane, the president of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild since 1930.

Preb. Cole Sheane was appointed Vicar of Twickenham in 1923 and took a deep interest in the affairs of the Association. He was a Prebendary of St. Paul's. From 1914-23 he was Vicar of Beeston and from 1906-13 was on the staff of Southwark Cathedral.

MR. JAMES E. BAILEY'S PEALS

The late Mr. James E. Bailey rang 159 peals, of which he conducted 20. These were for four associations; 128 were for the Kent County Association and 44 were rung on Dartford bells.

Minor.—Plain Bob, 3 tower, 1 handbell.
Triples.—Grandsire, 9 (conducted 3), 1; Plain Bob, 1; Stedman, 30 (3); Frin, 1.

Major.—Plain Bob, 20 (4), 4 (2); Little Bob, 1; Gainsborough Little Bob, 1; Crayford College Bob, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob, 13; Cambridge Surprise, 23 (3); New Cambridge Surprise, 2; Superlative Surprise, 11; Yorkshire Surprise, 6; Painswick Surprise, 1; Lincolnshire Surprise, 1; Belgrave Surprise, 1; Bristol Surprise, 4; London Surprise, 2; Kent Treble Bob, 10 (3); Oxford Treble Bob, 1.

Caters.—Grandsire, 2 (1), 1 (1); Stedman, 1.
Royal.—Cambridge Surprise, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 2; Oxford Treble Bob, 1.
Cinques.—Stedman, 3.

Totals: Tower 152 (17); handbells 7 (3).

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

The July meeting was held at Warwick, attended by 50 members and friends. The lovely ten at St. Mary's were made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

The business meeting took place in the vestry, presided over by the Master (Mr. A. H. Beamish). Apologies were read from the president (the Rev. R. T. Murray), Messrs. F. E. Pervin, J. W. Taylor and H. C. Burt.

Both Stratford and Alcester were proposed for the October quarterly meeting, but as there was a likelihood of Stratford bells being dedicated in September, when a large number of ringers would be present, it was decided to hold the business meeting at Alcester on the third Saturday in October.

New members elected were Mrs. A. Stain (Warwick), E. Wilson and J. Turner (Nuneaton), with the name of A. J. Hobley ratified following election prior to a peal.

August 28th was mentioned as the date of the induction of the Rev. L. Bruce to the living of Exhall, near Coventry, and members were invited to ring for the service.

A Guild annual dinner was suggested, and the committee are to discuss the matter and report at the next meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD DORCHESTER BRANCH.

Twelve towers were represented together with a number from outside the branch at the meeting at Maiden Newton. Service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Rector (Canon D. F. Slemeeck), and the lesson was read by the branch chairman (Canon Markby). Tea was served in the schools.

At the business meeting Canon Markby presided, and Wyke Regis was selected for the next meeting on September 18th.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow asked that, when sending out notices, the secretary should state the number of bells at the towers concerned to enable members to study appropriate methods in readiness.

Some members made their way to Sydling St. Nicholas and enjoyed some good ringing on the heavy five there.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Aug. 1st, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Clarke 1, F. Bishop 2, Miss Jean Freer 3, J. Sutton 4, F. Haysom 5, K. Orchard 6, P. Foote (cond.) 7, W. Damer 8.

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is one penny per word, minimum 2s. For additional insertions with no change one-half above charge for each insertion. Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid. Notices must be received not later than Monday.

DEATH

SHEANE. — On Aug. 13th, 1948, William Pakenham Cole Sheane, Priest, Prebendary of St. Paul's, Vicar of St. Mary's, Twickenham, and President of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers. 3952

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

LLANDUDNO. — 'Plas Madoc,' where a homely welcome awaits you and your holiday happiness enhanced with the beauty of Wales in the autumn. Vacancies September onwards.—E. R. Williams (phone 6514). 3887

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Wanted urgently, furnished or unfurnished flat. Ringer and wife (State Registered Nurse) coming to live in Bristol. Both ringers. No children. Can anyone help?—E. J. Taylor, Longmead, Hempsted, Gloucester.

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH.' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

'COLLEGE YOUTHS.' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free. All interested in change ringing will find this historical survey indispensable. Many illustrations.—The Ringing World, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MISCELLANEOUS

BACK NUMBERS. — A limited number of back numbers for most issues of 1946 and 1947 are available, post free 4d. per copy.—Apply Editor, 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

WANTED.—Professional writer, preferably 'copper plate,' able and willing to undertake the booking of peals. Specimens and charges to A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 3949

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN (Farnham District), **WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH** (Basingstoke District), and **OXFORD** (Sonning Deanery District).—Combined meeting at Yorktown (8), Saturday, Aug. 21st, 2.30 to 9. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Also Yateley (8), Hawley (8), Sandhurst (6), 2.30 to 9, Farnborough (6), 2.30 to 3.45, Bagshot (8) and Finchamstead (6), from 6 to 9. A coach will run between towers, starting at Farnborough 2.15. Tickets for tea and coach 3s. 6d. inclusive (separately 2s.) from G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough. 3890

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Writtle (8), Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells 2.30. Numbers for tea to T. Lincoln, 11, Victoria Road, Oxney Green, Writtle.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD AND DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Repton (8), Aug. 21st. Bells 3. Tea 5. 3928

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—Meeting at Stow on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 3929

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Fishlake (6), Aug. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus from Stainforth 2.15, 3.30, 4 approx. 3930

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Hawkhurst, Saturday, Aug. 21st, 2.30 p.m. Usual arrangements.—R. Tappen-den, Hon. Sec., Gun Green, Hawkhurst. 3931

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Beeton (6), Aug. 21st, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. T. Curtis, World's End, Beeton, Newbury. 3916

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at Brightstone, Aug. 21st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea can be arranged.—A. M. Guy. 3948

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Practice meeting at Parish Church, Kendal, Aug. 21st. Bells (10) available 2.30. Names for tea to I. J. Heap, 7, Bridge Street, Kendal.—N. M. Newby, J. Skeats, Branch Secs. 3962

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Fen Ditton (5), Saturday, Aug. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Barn Cafe, Horningsea (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3990

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Meeting Aug. 21st. Ladbroke bells now available 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. prior to Southam 3 p.m.—T. W. Sheppard, Dis. Sec. 3935

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Osmaston, Aug. 28th, 3. Tea 5. Names to W. A. Parsons, 10, Ward Street, Derby, Aug. 25th latest. 3918

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Kirbymoorside (6 bells), Saturday, Aug. 28th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. W. Spenceley, Vivers Place, Kirbymoorside, Yorks, before Aug. 26th.—Edward Hudson, District Secretary. 3923

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hough-on-the-Hill (6 bells), Aug. 28th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Mackeers, Hough-on-the-Hill, Grantham, by Monday, 23rd.—Bernard H. Dallin, Hon. Sec. 7013

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting, Wells, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Usual arrangements. Please reply as soon as possible.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 3919

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District.—Saturday, Aug. 28th, at Haverhill (6), 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided 5.15 in Church Room. More support desired.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 3915

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Clent, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please notify numbers before Aug. 24th.—F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 3927

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Hothfield (6), Aug. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own tea.—T. Cullingworth, District Sec., 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 3960

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—August meeting at Calverley on Aug. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged (2s. per head) for all who notify Mr. S. Keighley, 6, Salisbury Street, Calverley, near Leeds, by Aug. 25th. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 3963

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch, Warrington, on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 3961

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Rural Branch.—Westerleigh (6), Aug. 28th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 3936

EAST DERBYS AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Denby (6), Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Bring own food.—J. H. Price. 3943

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Great Gransden, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 3944

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Lockington, Aug. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea. Village Hall, 5. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall. 3938

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon Branch.—Meeting at Salford Priors (8) on Saturday, Aug. 28th, at 3 p.m. Please bring your own tea. Good attendance, please!—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 3947

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Aug. 28th, Windsor, 3 to 4. Old Windsor 6. No tea.—A. D. Barker. 3946

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Brentford on Saturday, Aug. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and important business to follow.—F. A. Finch, Dis. Sec. 3957

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Thorne, Aug. 28th 2.30. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 3953

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Eckington, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea. Names to W. J. Newman, 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, by Aug. 23rd. 3958

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Brighton (8), Aug. 28th. Bells 2.30. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—F. H. Hicks, Hon. Div. Sec. 3967

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Uphill, Aug. 28th, 6.30 to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 3964

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Yelvertoft, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Tea only for those whose names reach me by Aug. 20th.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 3933

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — East Norfolk Branch.—Norton Subcourse, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea after. Please inform G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, names or number for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 1st.—J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 3942

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—CRUSADERS OF S.W. DIVISION.—Meeting at Chigwell Row (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th, at 3 p.m. A meeting for learners, rounds upwards, everybody welcome; arrangements made for tea. Frequent bus service from Ilford or Barking or Central London Line to Gant's Hill, thence by bus.—F. V. Gant. 3941

KENT COUNTY (Lewisham District) and SURREY ASSOCIATIONS (N.W. District).—Combined meeting at St. Mary's, Lewisham, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (2s. 6d.) not later than Aug. 28th to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 3956



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OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Newton Longville on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Aug. 30th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Blechley, Bucks. 3945

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Sturry, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s.6d. per head. It is essential that those who require tea must inform Mr. H. R. French, Lamorbey, School Hill, Sturry, Canterbury, not later than Tuesday, Aug. 31st.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3951

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Llanbradach, Saturday Sept. 4th. Bells 12 noon. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 3980

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Cadoxton (6), near Neath, Sept. 4th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following.—E. Stith, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The by-meeting at Brenchley is cancelled owing to a defect in the bells. A meeting will be held instead at Leigh (6) on Sept. 4th at 3. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge. 3965

RUPERT RICHARDSON MEMORIAL TABLETS.—The dedication of the above tablets will take place at Surfleet on Saturday, Sept. 4th, at a joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild and the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Tea for only those who obtain a ticket from Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs, before Aug. 28th. 3966

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting, Bodelwyddan, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 3. Meeting and tea to follow. Please notify for tea before Sept. 2nd.—W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 3968

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 3950

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Annual meeting, Manchester, Sept. 18th. Assemble Town Hall 11. Ringing: Town Hall, Christ Church, Didsbury, St. Mark's, Worsley, and the Cathedral. Lunch 1.15. Tea 6 and social, Engineers' Club, 17, Albert Square. Tickets, 5s. lunch, 5s. tea. Application with remittance to ex-Supt. F. R. Williams, 35, Boardman Road, Higher Crumpsall, Manchester 8. Names and applications by Sept. 7th to comply with regulations, otherwise no admission.—H. G. Jenney, Hon. Sec. 3937

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS.—Preliminary.—Annual dinner at Worcester, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Tickets (6s. each) shortly available from Branch and General Secs. Early application, please.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec. 3959

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.—Preliminary notice.—On Oct. 16th there will be a dinner at 6 p.m., followed by a social and dance. Tickets 10s. each (number limited) from Miss Jill Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. 3955

QUARTER PEALS

BILLESDEN, LEICS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): G. Lee 1, R. Russell 2, J. G. Geary (cond.) 3, J. Wadkin 4, H. Payne 5, A. N. Geary 6.

BRISTOL.—On July 17th, at St. Ambrose's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Harding 1, A. Prince 2, E. Ridler 3, F. J. Sampson 4, R. Hooper 5, V. Lucas 6, A. Bennett 7, C. Baker (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 4, 5, 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: W. Bullock 1, G. Townsend 2, F. J. Daniell 3, C. J. Gardiner (cond.) 4, T. Townsend 5, S. Palmer 6, R. Townsend 7, J. Berry 8, G. Wells 9, W. W. Daniell 10. Birthday peal for the ringer of the 6th, who is 78.

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